

Middleboro Police Lose Bid for Pay Increase

MIDDLEBORO, Jan. 15—Middleboro police were turned down by better than 2 to 1 in their bid to have the town accept the state minimum police pay law at today's annual election.

Although police had campaigned vigorously for the proposal, the referendum was defeated, 1484 to 594.

Voting was interrupted during the closing hours when power was cut off during a heavy downpour in National Guard Armory, the election site.

Firemen set up an emergency lighting system within 15 minutes after the power failure at 6:30 p.m.

The pay bid by the 16-man police force, including 12 patrolmen, was for state pay schedules of \$4800 for first year, \$50303 the second year, and \$5500 after two years.

Patrolmen now have a starting pay of \$65 and advance to \$80 a week after five years.

Files for Recount

In the contest for selectmen, a recount already has been asked by Melvin G. Thomas who lost by one vote in his bid for a second three-year term.

Suddenly, Books Available Again At City Hospital

A library for patients at City Hospital, shut down in early 1960 for economy reasons, is being reopened, Public Library Director Milton Lord confirmed yesterday.

Lord announced the move after former City Council candidate Dyar Chase suggested it was being made because of his attacks on Mayor Collins over the matter during the recent council election campaign.

"His honor the mayor apparently realizes by now that even the taxpayers don't care to save money by depriving the patients at City Hospital of their books," Chase said.

Lord said the library, which was staffed by the Public Library, was closed for budgetary reasons. He said subsequent attempts by volunteers to provide library service had not proven reliable.

Two Selectmen Turned Out in Mansfield Vote

MANSFIELD, Jan. 15—Two selectmen were turned out of office in upsets that marked today's annual town election.

Chairman Edward Jameson, finishing his first three-year term, and Joseph Cataloni, a 12-year veteran, were the losers.

Their seats were taken by Salvatore DeLutis and Virgil C. Martin. The vote was DeLutis, 988; Martin, 944; Jameson, 907, and Cataloni, 806.

Last year DeLutis, seeking reelection, was beaten by seven votes.

In the only other contest, David Ingram was reelected to the School Board and Robert DeLong was elected to fill a vacancy. Ingram had 1376 votes and DeLong had 1318. The loser, Gilbert Olden, had 825.

There were 2059 ballots cast of a registered vote of 4118.

Was Risch Body In Burlap Bag Seen in Peabody?

Does Joan Risch's body lie colcoaled somewhere in the maze of the vast interchange of Rtes. 1 and 128 at the Lynnfield-Peabody line?

Police search for the long-missing Lincoln housewife turned there yesterday after a tip from a Lynn woman.

She said that the night Mrs. Risch vanished last Oct. 24, she saw a man carry a big burlap bag from his car into the woods there.

She said the car was parked on one of the many work roads leading to the huge interchange project which is still under construction.

But much work has been done there since then, that when police accompanied the woman to the spot she was unable to point out the spot where the car was parked.

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Collins Wants Logue To Limit Staff Pay Rises

Mayor Collins objected yesterday to the size of some of the proposed pay raises for the Redevelopment Authority staff.

He said he hoped that Administrator Edward J. Logue would limit most of the increases to \$500.

The mayor said he discussed the raises with Logue some weeks ago and had objected then to the size of some of them. He conceded that they have subsequently been reduced.

Although the raises would complicate his handling of city pay problems, Collins said he

feels that some of the increases could be justified to prevent loss of key employees or to compensate employees whose duties had been changed.

He noted also that the Federal government pays at least two thirds of the cost of all such increases, which total about \$40,000 for 47 employees involved.

City Council voted 7 to 1 yesterday to support legislation to give patrolmen an \$800 pay boost.

Introduced by Councilors Patrick F. McDonough and John J. Tierney Jr., both former patrolmen, the resolution asked for a three-step scale beginning at \$5480. After one year it would move to \$5730 and after two years to \$6300.

Currently, patrolmen get \$5500.

700 in Somerville Rally To Keep Inner-Belt Veto

More than 700 Somerville residents jammed Circle Hall in East Somerville last night in a protest against proposed repeal of the city's veto power over the inner-belt route.

The group was urged by several speakers to attend today's hearing at the State House to voice their opposition to Senate Bill 103 which would cancel local control over the highway location.

"Your homes are at stake," Msgr. John Hogan, pastor of St. Benedict's Church in East Somerville, told the gathering.

"We have home rule in Somerville thanks to our active legislators," he said. "We do not intend to let upstate legislators dictate the future of our city."

Msgr. Hogan strongly urged everyone at the meeting to attend the hearing at the State House today.

The legislation filed by Sen. Philip A. Graham (R-Hamilton) calls for repeal of the 1961 law which gave Somerville, Cambridge, Boston and Brookline the veto power over location of the inner-belt highway through their communities.

Sen. Denis L. McKenna (D-Somerville) arranged that night's meeting.

Other speakers included Mayor Lawrence Bretta, Rep. William Moran (D-Somerville), former Mayor and present Rep. T. Edward Bradley, and Aldermen James Hall, Alexander Lynch and William Joyce.

Besides attending today's to notify Gov. Volpe's office hearing, the group was urged its their opposition.

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